



Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment

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Assistant Commissioner of Patents
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Dear Assistant Commissioner,

Please consider this correspondence as a formal Petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment of patent application number **09/927,870**.

The basis for this petition is as follows. I did not receive the Office communication that was sent to me by Examiner DePumpo on 11/04/02. The application was originally filed by me, without the assistance of an Attorney. For that reason, I cannot include information with this petition that comes from other persons in an organization that might have handled the correspondence. Typically, my wife brings in the mail from a mailbox by the street in front of our house. She then sorts the mail, and puts any correspondence addressed to me in a prominent and obvious location on my desk. She is normally very accurate and I have no reason to suspect that she may have overlooked the Offices' correspondence. Nor can I believe that I saw the correspondence and somehow mistook it for something else, or recognized it but forgot about it.

I did receive the Filing Receipt correspondence dated 11/13/2000 for the application, first filed as a Provisional Patent Application (60/224,883). Subsequently, I received the Filing Receipt correspondence for the Non-provisional Application (09/927,870), dated 09/18/2001.

My wife and I have been living at our present address since we purchased the house in 1996, and we were in fact residing here during the month of November, 2002, when the Examiner's correspondence was mailed.

Although my five digit zip code (60047) is shared by two other communities (Lake Zurich and Long Grove, IL), I do not have any likely explanation why the Office correspondence would not have reached me. Nevertheless, I do believe that do be the case here. I am aware of other incidents where I did not receive mailed correspondence, but as far as I know, they are very rare.

I fervently hope you will accept the above statements as facts, for indeed they are, and grant this petition to Withdraw the Holding of Abandonment of Patent Application 09/927,870.

Respectfully,
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